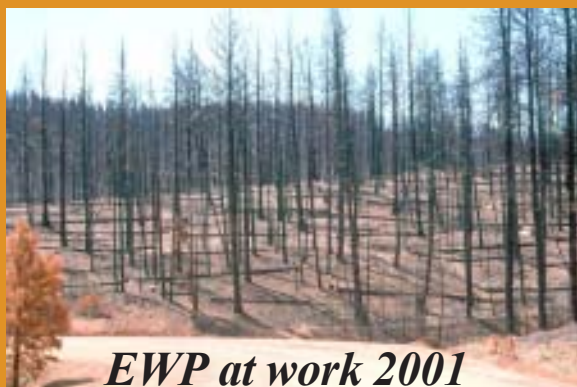


Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)



EWP at work 2001



EWP at work 2003



EWP at work 2002

Colorado's 2002-2003 Fire Season

NRCS provided approximately \$9.2 million in EWP cost-share funds and technical assistance for rehabilitating burned areas resulting from more than 11 wildfires.

A total of 1,795 privately owned structures were damaged and/or destroyed. Private land totaling 51,863 acres received treatment to reduce sediment and erosion that could damage soil productivity and water quality, or threaten human life or property.

Municipalities downstream from the burned areas were especially concerned about potential damage to their water supplies and sewage treatment facilities.

The Program

The **Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)** program helps to protect lives and property threatened by natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires.

The Partnership

EWP provides funding to project sponsors for such work as cleaning debris, installing straw wattles, weed control, clogged waterways, contour tree felling, straw mulching, restoring vegetation, and stabilizing river banks.

The Assistance

NRCS provides up to 75 percent of the funds needed to restore the natural function of a watershed. The community or local sponsor of the work pays the remaining 25 percent, which can be provided by cash or in-kind service.

EWP Flood Plain Easement Program

This program allows NRCS to purchase easements on agricultural land that is subject to repeated flooding, or on land where flooding is expected to recur, such as lowlands that are primarily cropland, grazing land, hayland, or forestland adjacent to a river, lake, or watercourse.

2002-2003 Colorado Fire Season			
Name of Fire	Counties Impacted	Federal Assistance	Final
Coal Seam	Garfield	\$449,183	Yes
Missionary Ridge	La Plata	\$2,090,720	Yes
Hayman	Douglas/Jefferson/Park/Teller	\$5,776,154.	Yes
Million	Rio Grande	\$191,972	Yes
Snaking	Park	\$71,256	Yes
Schoonover	Douglas	\$72,259	Yes
Iron Mountain	Fremont	\$97,248	Yes
Dierich	Mesa	\$36,178	Yes
Burn Canyon	San Miguel	\$248,661	Yes
Panorama	Garfield	\$96,248	Yes
Cherry Creek	La Plata	\$59,570	Yes
Total		\$9,189,449.00	

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